

<b>TO</b>	<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b> <b>FARM SERVICE AGENCY</b> <b>7620 SW Mohawk Street</b> <b>Tualatin, Oregon 97062-8121</b>  <b>STATE PROCEDURE NOTICE</b>	<b>MANUAL</b> <b>SDC</b>	<b>ISSUE NO.</b> <b>23</b>
		<b>DATE</b> <b>April 30, 2003</b>	
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**OREGON MANUAL CHANGES****INSERT OR INSTRUCTION 1955-C**

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This Oregon Instruction has been revised to include updated figures showing 30 percent of the average farm size for each County in Oregon. This revised acreage information is necessary for County officials to use in determining whether applicants meet the eligibility requirements for being a beginning farmer or rancher.

**DISPOSAL OF INVENTORY PROPERTY -**

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**REMOVE**

Page 1 dated 07-21-99.

Exhibit A dated 07-21-99.

**INSERT**

Page 1 dated 04-30-03.

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**Notice:**
**PARAGRAPH NOTATIONS**  
**NATIONAL PROCEDURES**

The notation "State Supplement" will be made on the margin of each paragraph of the National Instruction that has been supplemented by any Oregon Instruction on this State Procedure Notice.

## **PART 1955 – Property Management**

### **Subpart C – Disposal of Inventory Property**

#### Section 1955.101 - Purpose

This Oregon Instruction supplements RD Instruction 1955-C, redelegates program authority, and prescribes procedures for the sale of inventory property (including real estate, related real estate rights, and chattels) acquired by the Farm Service agency (FSA) in Oregon.

#### Section 1955.103 - Definitions

Beginning farmer or rancher. Paragraph (5) of the definition of a beginning farmer or rancher contained in Section 1955.103 indicates that an applicant will not be considered a beginning farmer or rancher if the applicant owns, either directly or indirectly through interests in family farm entities, real farm or ranch property, the aggregate acreage of which exceeds 30 percent of the average farm or ranch acreage of the farms or ranches in the County where the property is located. The average farm or ranch acreage for each of Oregon's 36 Counties, based on the most recent Census of Agriculture published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, is shown as Exhibit A of this Instruction.

Section 1955.104 (a)(2) – Redelegation of authority. Unless otherwise prohibited, authority delegated to the State Director by RD Instruction 1955-C is hereby redelegated to the following State Office employees:

- (i) Farm Loan Chief
- (ii) Farm Loan Specialists

Section 1955.107 (a)(2) – Selection of purchaser. The County Official's determination of whether an applicant is a beginning farmer or rancher will be based on the definition set forth in Section 1955.103 of RD Instruction 1955-C and the county average farm or ranch size contained in Exhibit A of this Instruction.

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## AVERAGE COUNTY FARM ACREAGE

The average farm or ranch size, and the maximum number of acres that would qualify as being within 30 percent of the average farm size, is shown below for each County in Oregon. This information has been obtained and developed from Table 6, "Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1997 and 1992," contained in Volume 1, Geographic Area Series, of Part 37, Oregon State and County Data, of the 1997 Census of Agriculture. This information is for use in determining whether an applicant meets the definition of a beginning farmer or rancher as set forth in Section 1955.103 of RD Instruction 1955-C.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>AVERAGE FARM SIZE (ACRES)</u>	<u>30% OF AVERAGE FARM SIZE (ACRES)</u>
Baker	1,431	429
Benton	180	54
Clackamas	48	14
Clatsop	99	30
Columbia	96	29
Coos	242	73
Crook	1,759	528
Curry	505	152
Deschutes	101	30
Douglas	211	63
Gilliam	4,472	1,342
Grant	2,655	797
Harney	2,696	809
Hood River	53	16
Jackson	152	46
Jefferson	1,964	589
Josephine	56	17
Klamath	669	201
Lake	1,762	529
Lane	106	32
Lincoln	104	31
Linn	196	59
Malheur	1,042	313
Marion	120	36
Morrow	2,662	799
Multnomah	60	18
Polk	149	45
Sherman	2,530	759
Tillamook	114	34
Umatilla	904	271
Union	639	192
Wallowa	1,353	406
Wasco	2,415	725
Washington	78	23
Wheeler	4,331	1,299
Yamhill	103	31

